

Tidelands Management Committee

Committee Action Minutes – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. @ OASIS Senior Center

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Nancy Gardner, Council Members Ed Selich and Mike Henn.

Citizens Advisory Panel: John Corrough, Win Fuller, Terry Hartman, Don Lawrenz, Jeff Herdman, Linda Beimfohr and Jerry King.

City Staff: Dave Kiff, Rob Houston, Dave Webb, Shannon Levin, Michael Torres and Chris Miller.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Gardner.

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Dan Purcell showed photos of the coarse grain sand in upstream San Diego Creek. Staff commented that the RGP should soon be available pending agency permitting. Marshall Duffield has an alternate dredging methods presentation he will present at the June TMC meeting.

3. Minutes

The spelling of the Seminouk Slough was questioned. Minutes approved.

4. Current Business

A. Linda Island Lagoon Dredging

Dave Kiff presented options for the lagoon dredging. The committee questioned whether the Linda Island lagoon is included in the proposed Newport Harbor Eelgrass Plan. The lagoon is accessible to the public because of the prescriptive easement from creation of navigational waters.

Donna Viani, Linda Isle HOA President, asked that the City assist in paying. Since a dredging contractor is already in the Harbor, Linda Isle would not have to pay mobilization costs. The lagoon can be used as a source for a long term eelgrass bank. The Dover Shores dredging project didn't have eelgrass mitigation. Over the years, the areas surrounding the outside of Linda Isle have been or will be dredged by miscellaneous parties, including The Irvine Company for the Balboa Marina, and the City and County of Orange for the back side of Linda Isle. Sandy Willford commented that the dredging project has not been voted on, at low tide there are groundings, and that the CCR's state that Lot A maintain all of Island as created (including bulkhead and private slip areas). Steve Horton supports the Board and disagrees that an eelgrass island be maintained since that area could be non-navigable, and instead suggests dredging the whole lagoon to create a larger bank. Other comments included working to partner with City to evolve the issue, and a suggestion that a vote by homeowners wouldn't pass within Linda Isle for HOA to pay for dredging.

Sediment testing has been done in the general vicinity and generally suitable for disposal at LA3.

Ed Selich mentioned that Linda Isle needs its ideas funneled and needs an indication from the City how it will proceed with funding. The City should limit its contribution and exposure with a 50/50 split with a specific dollar cap. Nancy Gardner commented that since the public

already has access, the City doesn't need the ownership. Mike Henn suggested that Linda Isle needs to sort out the internal issues and wants to know how or if the internal eelgrass bank can benefit the City, and supports cost sharing.

B. Tidelands Infrastructure Management Plan Review

Comments were made to the changing variables over years and that priorities and staff resources should be considered. Water Quality was given its own category. Staff was asked to work on a plan outlining the next 2 years. John Corrough added that the Balboa Island bulkheads be considered a priority.

All presentations available online at www.newportbeachca.gov/CityManager.

5. Topics for Future Agendas.

- Update on replenishing the harbor's bay beaches
- Grand Canal Update: dredging, seawall repair/replacement, and bridge replacement
- Seminouk Slough update

6. Next Meeting. The Committee set its next meeting for June 20, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at the OASIS Senior Center.

7. Adjournment around 5:30 PM.

The agenda for the May 16, 2012 Regular Meeting was posted on May, 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. on the City Hall Bulletin Board located outside of the City of Newport Beach Administration Building.

Tidelands Management Committee Chair